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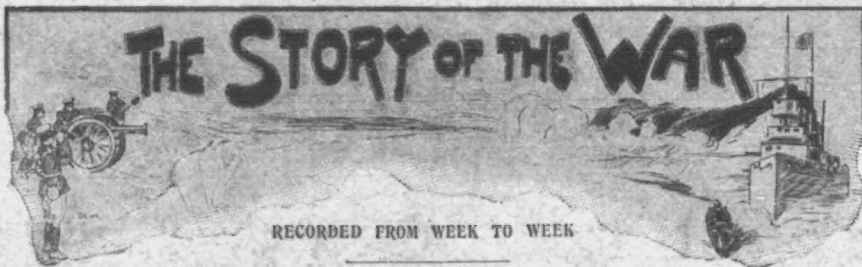
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Port Arthur's Fate.

INTEREST in the war is mainly centred in
 the fate of Port Arthur. What is to happen
 to it? How long will it hold out? These
 and a score of other questions are daily asked,
 but receive no satisfactory answer. One thing
 alone the man in the street seems to have
 made up his mind about, and that is that Port
 Arthur must inevitably fall; that the Russians
 must give way to the Japanese. According to
 messages dated from Chefoo—

The Chinese are leaving Port Arthur with the
 permission of the Russian authorities. Fifty
 junks left the port with Chinese on June 8, and
 are now arriving here, the refugees including
 both merchants and coolies. The reports they
 bring vary, but they agree that a battle has
 been raging for four days within ten miles of
 Port Arthur. Every soldier has left the fortress
 for the front, and only three large ships and
 a number of small ones remain in the harbour.
 According to the Chinese who are arriving
 here, the outer forts at Port Arthur have been
 badly damaged by the Japanese fire, but the
 inner forts have suffered little. Many buildings
 in the town have also been destroyed. The
 Chinese appear unable to give any intelligent
 report as to the condition of the fleet. Probably
 they were not allowed to approach the naval
 basin. The statement that there are only three
 large ships at Port Arthur probably means that

Russians have several fortified positions between
 their present position seven miles out and the
 country under the forts at Port Arthur. The



JAPANESE INFANTRY LOADING RATIONS ON TRANSPORT-WAGONS.

Photo: Adelpi Press Agency.

Japanese fleet is bombarding Port Arthur daily
 from a distance. The Japanese fear to come to
 closer quarters on account of the Russian mines.

A Chinese arrived at Chefoo on June 9 who
 was employed in the Russian machine-shops at

building, but the machinery was not damaged.
 Another wrecked the offices at the dockyard.

It was stated that 350 mines had been laid in
 the roadstead, as well as many on land around
 the shops and the naval basin. Some of the
 latter were exploded by lightning last week, but
 no damage was done.

Long-Range Duel.

I have received from a high source (says an
Express correspondent cabling from Nagasaki
 on June 12) information which I have every
 reason to believe is authentic. My informant
 is the same personage who on previous occasions
 has given me news of the greatest importance.
 He states that the latest advices from Port Arthur
 are to the effect that the Japanese engineers are
 sapping their way towards the fortifications under
 cover of artillery. Every night new earthworks
 are thrown up at different points, and gradually
 the trenches are encroaching nearer to the
 Russians. The garrison shell these operations
 sparingly, and are evidently reserving their
 ammunition. The work of the trench-makers
 is covered by over 200 field-guns, but the range
 is long. When the Japanese assault in force,
 these earthworks will form excellent cover. No
 siege-guns have yet been used against the
 fortress. They are being mounted on cement
 platforms in commanding positions. The entire
 siege school staff is with General Oba. Naval
 officers have joined the staff to advise on the
 fleet's co-operation in the attack.

Russians Preparing for a Siege.

I have ascertained (says an *Express* corre-
 spondent at St. Petersburg) that urgent



OUR AUSTRIAN VISITOR: THE ARCHDUKE FREDERICK OF AUSTRIA AT THE REVIEW AT ALDERSHOT ON JUNE 10.

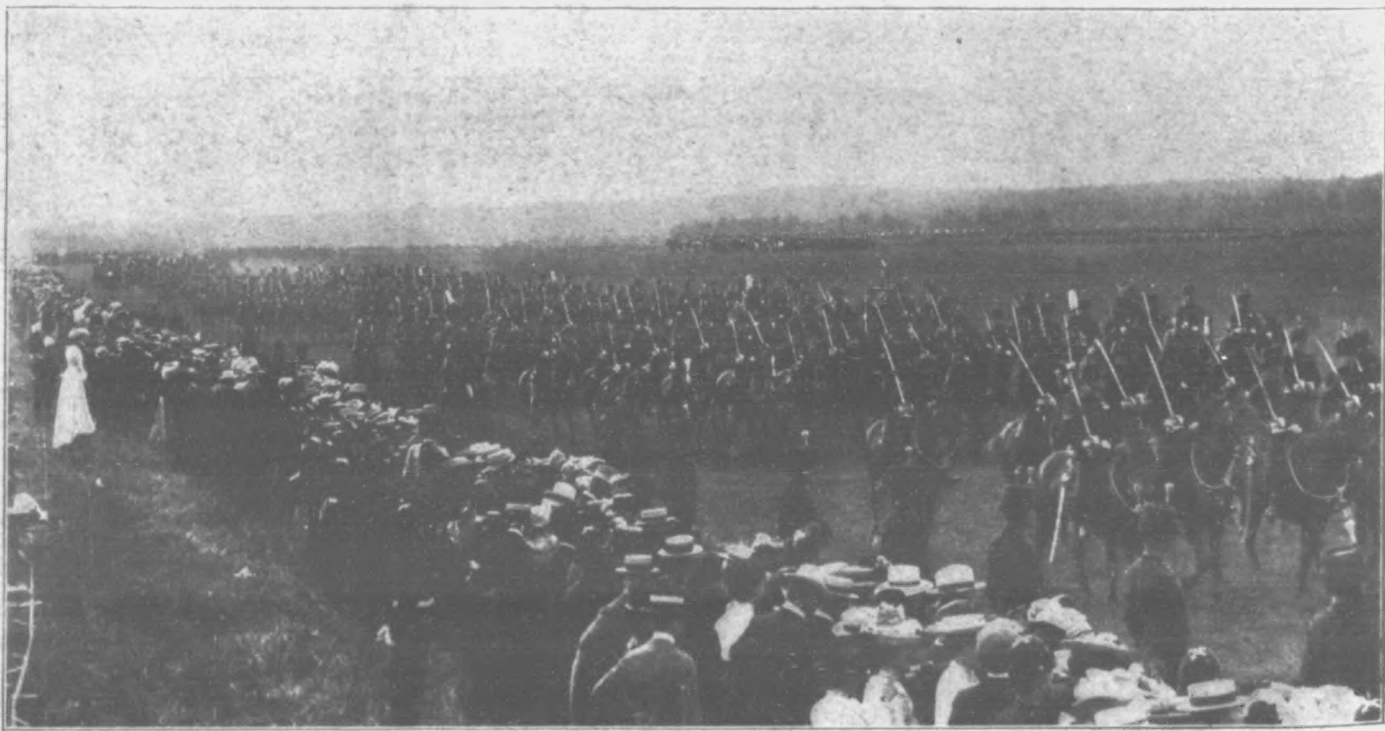
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ON HIS RIGHT IS THE PRINCE OF WALES, WHILE THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT IS ON HIS LEFT.

many are in the outer harbour, and others behind
 the Tiger's Tail or in the naval basin.

The Chinese refugees state that the entrance to
 Port Arthur Harbour is still blocked. Large
 ships are unable to pass, while gun-boats and
 torpedo-boats can pass at high tide only. The

Port Arthur, and is therefore in a better position
 than most of the other refugees to give infor-
 mation regarding the Russian war-ships and other
 matters. He reports that only five out of the
 nine largest Russian war-ships are capable of
 going to sea, and steam is kept up in only



THE GRAND REVIEW AT ALDERSHOT ON JUNE 10 BY THE ARCHDUKE FREDERICK OF AUSTRIA.

Photo: Gale and Polden.

DELIGHTFUL COLOURED DRAWINGS BY FAMOUS ARTISTS.—SEE THE "SKETCH" SUMMER NUMBER.

instructions have been sent to the Russian commanders at Vladivostok to place that fortress in the best possible state of defence, and to improve the land fortifications as much as they can. As soon as the pressure upon the railway entailed by the transport of men to Mukden is relaxed, reinforcements, guns, and supplies will be sent to Vladivostok in large quantities. The reason for this is, I understand, that it has become known to the Government that the

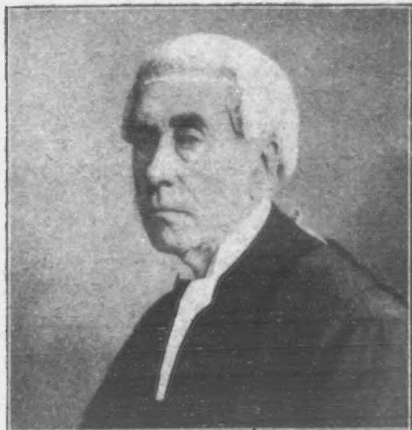


Photo. Whitlock.

MR. JUSTICE BRUCE,

WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE BENCH. APPOINTED IN 1892, MR. JUSTICE BRUCE HAS, IN CONSEQUENCE OF DELICATE HEALTH, CONTEMPLATED RETIREMENT FOR SOME TIME.

Japanese plan is to take Port Arthur at all costs, to drive General Kuropatkin's army out of Manchuria, and then to send a large land and sea force to Vladivostok. The Japanese appear to believe that if they can do this and concentrate a force at Vladivostok sufficiently strong to make its capture probable, they can then put forward peace proposals based upon Russia's acceptance of all their demands relating to



Photo. Russell.

ADMIRAL SIR EDWARD CHICHESTER.

JUST APPOINTED TO THE NAVAL COMMAND AT GIBRALTAR.

Korea and Manchuria, and an indemnity, in return for the relinquishing of any attempt to take Vladivostok. Of course, the chief factor in this scheme is Port Arthur. If it falls, there would not seem to be any reason why Japan should not carry out the plan. If, on the other hand, Port Arthur can hold out indefinitely, as

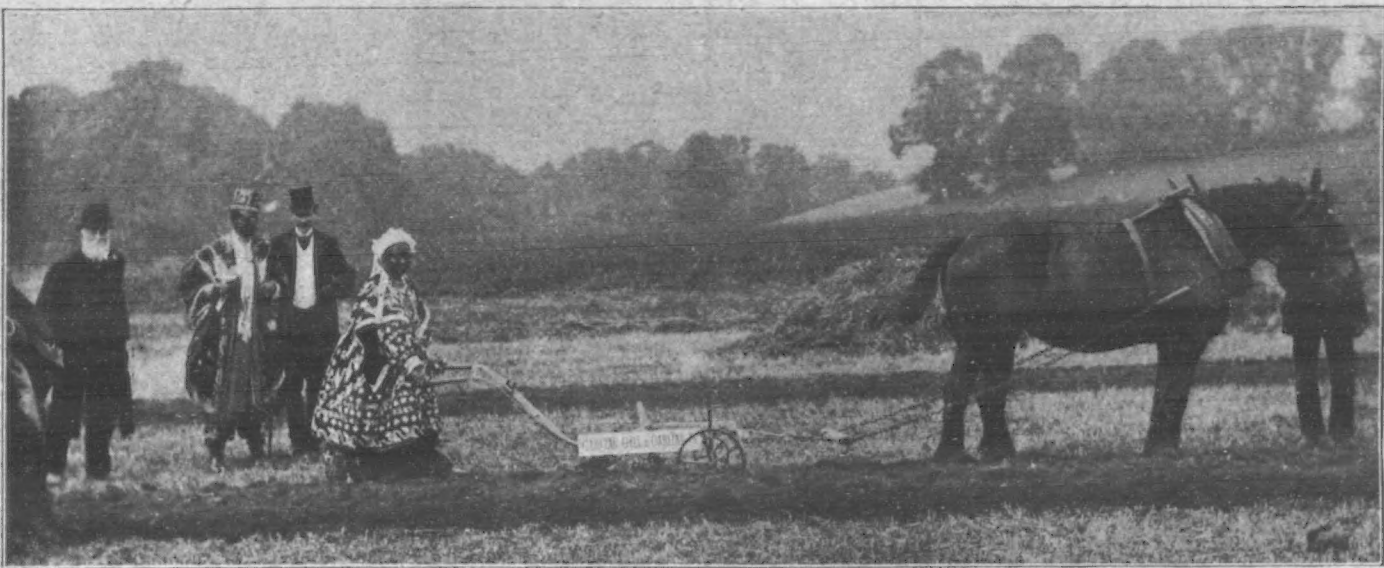


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THE ALAKE OF ABEOKUTA USING A PLOUGH AT THE ROYAL COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL SHOW AT GUILDFORD ON JUNE 8.

the Russians believe, the scheme would have to be abandoned.

Eight Hundred Russian Casualties.

Information was received at Newchwang on June 12 through what have hitherto proved trustworthy channels, that part of the Japanese force which was left at Pulantien (Port Adams) to checkmate the Russian southward movement for the relief of Port Arthur, was attacked

reports that a large detachment of Japanese coming from Feng-hwang-cheng, with the object of turning the Russian flank, found itself on the 9th inst. opposed by a Russian detachment, which was strongly entrenched in a pass twenty-eight miles south-east of Haicheng. The Russians allowed the Japanese advance guard, consisting of two battalions, to approach, and then battered the enemy at short range

who escaped seven days ago, declares that four cruisers lie under Golden Hill, their guns being trained landward to assist in repulsing a land attack. The channel is partly cleared, but Admiral Togo's blockade is effective. The spy estimates the total Russian forces, including sailors, in Port Arthur at less than 30,000, and says that many of these are sick and wounded. They have sufficient supplies to last for two months. The coal-supply is low, being estimated at only 2400 tons of Cardiff and 3000 tons of Japanese coal. Two armoured trains, bearing guns from the battle-ship *Retvisan*, ran into the Japanese lines, and were badly damaged by the shells of the enemy though they managed to return.

The Situation of the Garrison.

The *Russ* publishes a telegram from Liao-yang announcing the arrival there of two Russian officers who have succeeded in making their



THE ALAKE AT THE ROYAL COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL SHOW AT GUILDFORD ON JUNE 8.

south-east of Shungumao on the previous day. After slight fighting the Japanese made a false retreat, and the Russians were hotly following when the enemy made a flanking movement, catching the Russians in a trap. The Russian losses are estimated at 800. The Russians then fell back on Kaiping. About 2000 infantry from the direction of Kaiping passed through Newchwang on the 12th, accompanied by a large supply and hospital trains. Several carts contained bandaged men. The troops appeared to be exhausted.

A correspondent of the *Russ* (St. Petersburg)

with a heavy artillery and rifle fire, almost completely annihilating them. The main body of the Japanese then arrived upon the scene, but did not venture to make a frontal attack, and therefore executed a long detour, with the object of assailing the position on the flank. The Russian detachment had, however, already evacuated the position when the Japanese appeared.

Armoured Trains Shelled.

A telegram states that a Chinaman who acted as a spy to the Japanese in Port Arthur, and



Photo. Russell.

ADMIRAL F. C. B. BRIDGEMAN,

WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED ADMIRAL LANBTON AS SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE CHANNEL SQUADRON.

way out of Port Arthur. For four days they were engaged in evading the Japanese posts. The officers state that the Japanese are keeping a vigilant watch on all points giving access to Port Arthur. Sentries are stationed every fifty yards. The town, they say, has a good supply of provisions. The merchants are especially well provided, having taken the precaution to lay in a good stock.

Stoessel Seriously Wounded.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Matin* telegraphs the reported receipt of a dispatch from Liao-yang stating that in the battle near Port Arthur on June 10 General Stoessel was wounded in the thigh, the leg having to be amputated, but details and confirmation of this report are wanting.



(Photo. Bask.)

"TOMMY'S" BELATED RETURN.—THE ARRIVAL FROM SOUTH AFRICA OF THE 2nd QUEEN'S REGIMENT AT SOUTHAMPTON LAST WEEK: DISSEMBARKING FROM THE SS. "SOUDAN."

AN ILLUSTRATED ARTICLE ON ETON COLLEGE.—SEE THE "SKETCH" SUMMER NUMBER.

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

The King's Visit to Eton.—The King and Queen paid their promised visit to Eton College on Monday afternoon. Their Majesties drove from Slough Station to the College, where they were received by the Provost, Head Master, and Fellows. After hearing a number of speeches, Their Majesties inspected the chapel, and witnessed the procession of boats. They then embarked in the Royal Barge, and, escorted by the College boats, proceeded as far as the Home Park. The Royal Barge was manned by the King's watermen, who wore their picturesque red coats of the Beefeater type, and velvet jockey-caps. This was the first Royal water pageant of its kind held at Windsor within memory. The King remained at Windsor for the Ascot races, driving to the course each day of the meeting.

Visit of the Archduke Frederick.—The Archduke Frederick of Austria paid a brief visit to England last week. The main object of his visit was to hand to King Edward his baton as Field-Marshal in the Austrian army. This ceremony took place at Buckingham Palace, and was quiet and informal. The Archduke Frederick, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, journeyed to Aldershot and reviewed the First Army Corps on Luffen's Plain. On returning to London the Archduke dined with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House, and afterwards attended a State Ball at Buckingham Palace. The King and Queen sat for some time on the Royal dais in the ball-room, conversing with their guests. Before leaving London for Vienna, the Archduke Frederick expressed the keen pleasure and satisfaction he had derived from his visit.

Service Items.—Earl Roberts's full pay is to be continued till January 1906, because, at the special request of the Prime Minister, he has placed his services at the disposal of the Committee of Imperial Defence. Lieutenant Prince Arthur of Connaught, of the 7th Hussars, will not at present rejoin his regiment in South Africa, but

by shipping 2200 tons in seven hours—an average of over 314 tons an hour. The feat was performed at Hong-Kong entirely by hand, no mechanical means whatever being utilised. The best previous records were 178 tons and 178 8 tons, made by the *Terrible* and the *Vengeance* respectively.

Retirement of a Judge.—The retirement of Mr. Justice Bruce, on account of ill-health, is announced. The learned Judge is in his seventieth year. He was appointed a King's Bench Judge in 1892, having previously been Recorder of Bradford, and having also held successively the appointments of Solicitor-General and Attorney-General of the County Palatine of Durham. He was M.P. for the Finsbury Division of Holborn from 1888 until his

became very insulting. The wife asked that there should be a public marriage ceremony, and this not taking place, she decided to make inquiries in order to ascertain who her husband really was. Sir Francis Jenne, after hearing the evidence, granted the petitioner a decree of nullity, with costs.

A Nurse's Action.—Miss Florence Dreher, aged thirty-one, sued Mr. Thomas Foster, widower, to recover damages for breach of promise. The defence was a denial. The plaintiff, who appeared with her child in court, had been a nurse, and carried on a boarding-house at Richmond. Among her lodgers was Mr. McHutchins, an independent gentleman, blind and an invalid. She went to order a suit of clothes for him from the defendant, and the acquaintance thus started ripened

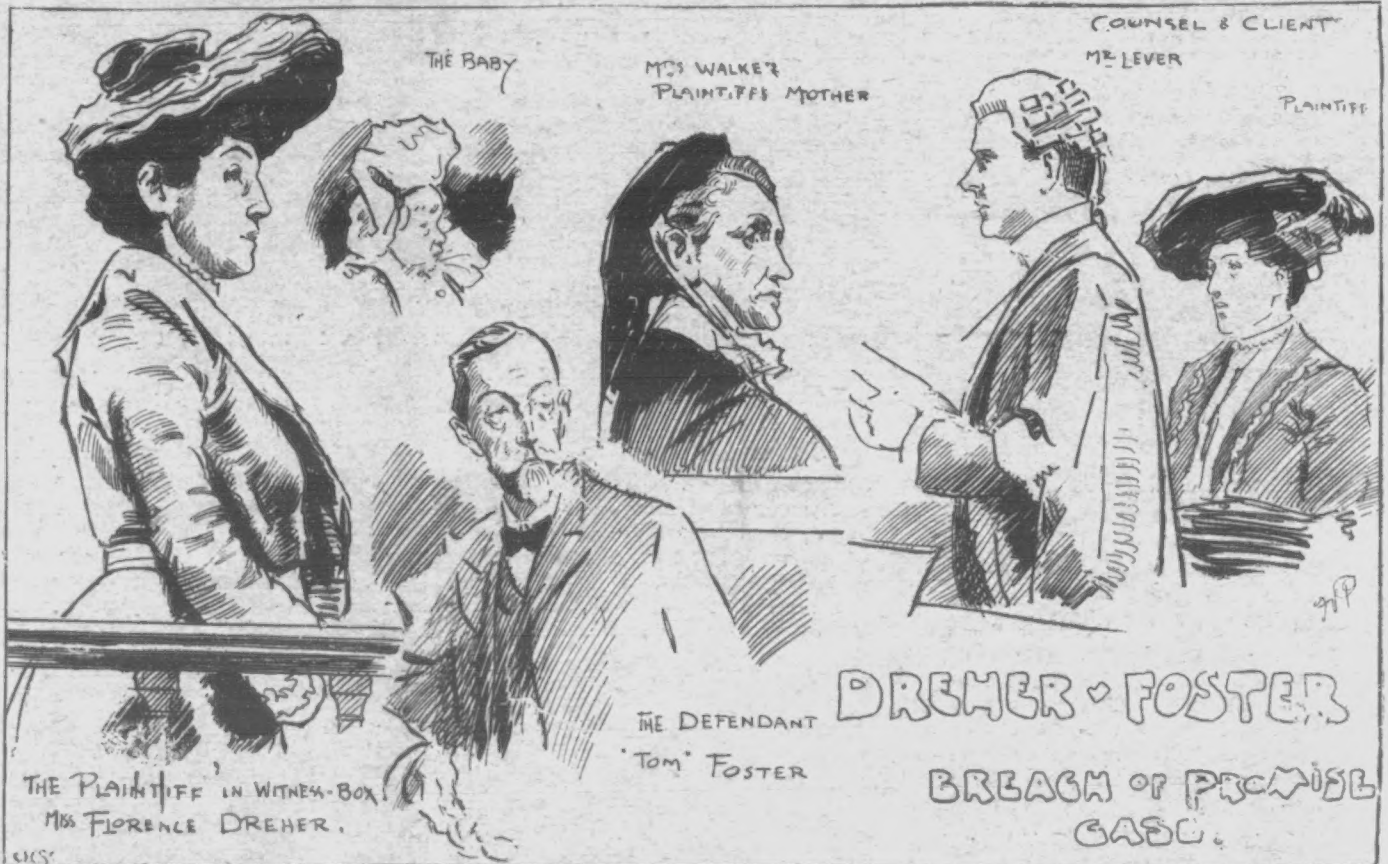
and the mounted infantry ponies were saddled. The Tibetans disclosed themselves by uttering loud yells. Such of our men as were outside the fortifications immediately ran back under cover, except one Sepoy, of the 2nd Gurkhas, escorting the yaks, who refused to budge. The whole wave of 700 Tibetans came upon him. He shot five, and was then cut down by a swordsman. In spite of the heavy fire from the post the Tibetans rushed on and reached the walls, over which they attempted to climb hacking at the men at the loopholes with their swords. Some even seized the muzzles of the protruding rifles, attempting to wrench them away. Meanwhile, those behind kept up a furious fire with matchlocks and Lassa rifles. The attack was maintained for half an hour with the utmost ferocity and determination. Finally, after they had lost a



MRS. MURIEL GIBBS.

WHOSE MARRIAGE WAS ANNULLED LAST WEEK
BY SIR FRANCIS JENNE.

will be attached to the Royal Horse Artillery Battery of the Cavalry Brigade, First Army Corps. The report that Sir Evelyn Wood will vacate the command of the Second Army Corps in August is said to be incorrect. Lieutenant-Colonel Reynolds, R.E., has taken over the appointment of C.R.E. in the Isle of Wight, in succession to Colonel Foley, who has completed his term of service. The Council of the N.R.A. has decided to grant all units in the United Kingdom eligible to compete in the King's and St. George's competitions a recruit's bronze cross, the winner to be entitled to shoot in the St. George's competition for a gold and silver cross and other prizes. Captain L. Otley, M.V.O., R.N., now serving as Naval Attaché to the British Embassy in Paris, has been appointed naval member of the new permanent department of the Defence Committee, established in accordance with the recommendations of the Escher Committee of three. Captain Otley entered the Navy in 1871, and is the inventor of the deadly mine known by his name. H.M.'s cruiser *Leviathan* has established a new coaling record for the Fleet



A NURSE'S ACTION: SPECIAL "P.I.P." SKETCHES IN THE LAW COURTS.

elevation to the Bench. Mr. Reginald Bray, K.C., will, it is expected, succeed Mr. Justice Bruce.

The Share Conspiracy Case.—Mr. E. T. Hooley and Mr. H. J. Lawson appeared again at Bow Street Police Court last week, on the charge of conspiring to defraud Mr. A. J. Paine, a licensed victualler. The prosecutor was cross-examined at great length by Mr. Avery, K.C., who represents Mr. Hooley. Mr. Paine emphatically denied having told Mr. Whamond, the liquidator of the Siberian Gold Fields Development Company, that he would take nothing less than £34,000 to stop proceedings against Mr. Hooley. Questioned as to the concession of which the Nerchinsk Company is now the owner, Mr. Paine replied that the concession is now a valuable one. He admitted having purchased within the last few weeks 8000 shares in the Nerchinsk Company at a halfpenny each, subject to a 2s. call, and before that £200 at 3d. each, including broker's commission. The concern was sound enough now. There was, said Mr. Paine, nothing in the present prosecution to affect the Nerchinsk Company. It was its predecessor, the Siberian Gold Fields, that was the fraud. After Mr. Paine had been questioned with regard to his connection with the Cornua Copper Company, the hearing of the case was adjourned till June 20.

A Marriage Annulled.—A romantic marriage story was told in the Divorce Court, when Mrs. Muriel Gibbs petitioned for the nullity of her marriage with Mr. Frederick Thomas Mead Gibbs, son of Archdeacon Gibbs, on the ground that his first wife was still alive. Mr. Priestley, K.C., told the Court that the parties first met at Harrogate in 1901. Mrs. Gibbs was then Miss Baker, her mother being a widow lady belonging to an Eastern County family, and possessed of considerable means. Mr. Gibbs represented himself as a man of independent means, who had been wounded in South Africa, that he was the son of an Archdeacon and a widower with three children. With the consent of her mother Miss Baker was married to Mr. Gibbs in October 1901 at a registry office at Eastbourne. Soon after the marriage Mr. Gibbs informed his wife that he had deceived her, as he had a wife living in Australia, but that she had divorced him. He then suggested that he should become the trustee of his wife's small fortune, and because some demur was made he

into friendship, and, as she alleged, a promise of marriage was given, and ultimately a child was born. Various presents were made to her by the defendant, including a tailor-made coat, which, he said, cost three guineas and a half. In cross-examination, she admitted she had been engaged to the blind lodger, who proved to be a married man, and gave her compensation for not marrying her. Lord Coleridge (for defendant) made the plaintiff an offer, but her counsel described it as a paper offer, as it did not deal with costs. There being no corroborative evidence, the jury, under the Judge's direction, returned a verdict for the defendant.

The Pollard Divorce Sequel.—The hearing of the case against the six men accused of conspiring to defeat the ends of justice in connection with the Pollard divorce suit was continued at Bow Street before Sir Albert de Rutzen. Mr. Thomas Pollard told his version of the happenings at Plymouth, and was cross-examined by Mr. Gill K.C., on behalf of the defendant Osborn. Witness denied that he was in the habit of pledging articles belonging to his wife when living with her at Shepherd's Bush. During the six months they lived at Thornfield Road he did no work, but he did not tell the landlady that so long as his wife could work he should do none. Under the will of his first wife, who died in 1890, witness received a life interest of £100 a year, which at his death was to go to his child Daisy. He had mortgaged it for £500, and, in further cross-examination, he said there was a further mortgage, and ultimately he was only receiving 15s. a week. When he left his wife and went to live with his parents at Plymouth the 15s. a week interest was paid to his wife, who sent 10s. a week to his mother, 8s. of which she retained for his keep.

One Against Seven Hundred.—On June 7 700 Kham warriors and 400 men of the Lassa Regiment attacked the British post at Kangma, whence there is a direct road to Lassa. Colonel Younghusband, who had left Gyantse on his way to Chumbi with an escort of mounted infantry, was present during the action. Fortunately it had always been realised that Kangma was liable to attack, and the post was accordingly strongly fortified. The onslaught was made at dawn, the Tibetans coming down the hill in two solid masses. The majority of our troops were, however, already astrir. A portion of the yak convoy had already started to march,

number of men killed, the enemy withdrew. The garrison then pursued the Tibetans, killing some more. Fortunately, our men were all the time well under cover. The British casualties were only one Sepoy killed and six wounded.

End of the Cab Strike.—The strike of London cabmen came to an end last week by the yielding of the cabowners to the union demands. It is estimated that the strike, which lasted nine days, cost the cab industry about £20,000, over three thousand cabs having been idle during that period.

Missing Welsh Boy Found.—Over twelve thousand Welsh miners forsook their work in the collieries in the Aberdare district on June 9 to help in the search for a lost schoolboy. The lad, Griffith Rees Morgan, had been sent to school on Tuesday afternoon, near his home at Aberaman, but did not reach there, and when he failed to return home in the early evening, search-parties scoured mountain-sides and river-banks throughout the night and all day on Wednesday. While the hills were being searched, a curious discovery was made. Not far from a deep pool in the Cynon River, a hoop was found, and was identified as having belonged to the missing child. Scores of people commenced a search of the pool. Willows were cut away, a deep trench was dug to divert the river, and at half-past three on the morning of June 9 expert swimmers and divers plunged into the pool, and made every effort to examine the bottom. A police-constable who was in charge of the operations there had a long rake specially made, and with this the pool was dragged foot by foot, the policeman himself standing waist-deep and supported by a rope from the bank. After two hours' hard work these efforts had their reward. A small white hand appeared above the surface, and the body was brought ashore and reverently removed to the parents' house.

Land's End Murder Mystery.—On Sunday the dead body of a girl named Jessie Richards, aged eighteen, was found in a trench at Castle-an-Dinas, a historic ruin in the extreme west of Cornwall. Her face was so mutilated with bullet-wounds that the features were quite unrecognisable, and identity was established by the aid of her clothing. No trace was left to show who the assailant was.



GREAT FIRE AT MANCHESTER: ENGINES PLAYING ON MESSRS. DANIEL LEE'S WAREHOUSE.

THE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE FIRE IS ESTIMATED AT £100,000.



A RELIC OF ANCIENT DAYS: WOODEN WATER-PIPE DISCOVERED DURING SOME EXCAVATIONS IN BOND STREET LAST WEEK.

PIPES MADE OUT OF HOLLOWED TREE TRUNKS WERE IN COMMON USE 150 YEARS AGO.

A COMPLETE STORY BY PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM.—SEE THE "SKETCH" SUMMER NUMBER.

"P.I.P." PLAYGOER.

THE English drama must be in a bad condition, to judge by the number of physicians who are anxious to prescribe for it. The latest specialist is Mr. Van Biene, who has been touring for years with his "Broken Melody." He appears to have vast conceptions of what might be done for the drama, for he proposes to erect twelve theatres in different parts of the kingdom; but we do not learn when or where these new theatres will be started; nor is it quite settled who will provide the necessary funds. Theatres on a large scale are costly. What is more, plays require players, and twelve complete companies in addition to a dozen theatres is a large order. Perhaps Mr. Van Biene counts on the assistance of a benevolent millionaire, but up to the present the owners of millions have not displayed any special interest in theatrical enterprises. Mr. Van Biene ignores the support of the aristocratic classes. He will trust to the humble playgoer who is ready with a shilling for admission. He takes no account of the fact that many theatres can hardly pay their way at present, and that Sir Henry Irving questions whether we have not already overdone our theatrical speculations. But enthusiasm for the stage is no new thing, and Mr. Van Biene no doubt means well. Let him manfully state when we may expect the dozen new theatres and where they are to be built. Surely not in London!

Speaking of new theatres reminds me that it is proposed to erect a Jewish theatre at the East End for plays in Yiddish—presumably for the aliens who are thronging to the eastern suburbs.



Photo. Savoy.

STRAW HELMETS FOR POLICEMEN.

AS WORN IN SCARBOROUGH DURING THE HOT WEATHER.

I hear that the scheme is for the accommodation of an audience of eight thousand persons.

Sir Charles Wyndham will, as I have already stated, revive Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's brilliant comedy, "The Liars," which, despite its title, attracted all fashionable London when originally produced. Sir Charles Wyndham and Miss Mary Moore will be seen in their original characters, which they played so perfectly. Mr. Alfred Bishop, Mr. Dennis Eadie, Mr. Eille Norwood, Miss Cynthia Brooke, and Miss Sarah Brooke will appear in the cast. Until the revival "David Garrick" will keep its place in the bill. Miss Ryley's charming comedy, "Mice and Men," will shortly follow "The Edge of the Storm," which I predicted last week would not long keep the stage. "Mice and Men" will be all the more welcome as Mr. Forbes-Robertson and Miss Gertrude Elliott will have prominent parts in this pretty comedy.

Mr. Tree has arranged for Madame Sarah Bernhardt to appear at His Majesty's from June 20 onward. But the advent of the

THE HEROINE OF MANIPUR



THE CASE OF MILLER v. BLOOMER: SPECIAL "P.I.P." SKETCHES AT THE LAW COURTS.

IN THIS CASE MRS. MILLER (WHO, AS MRS. GRIMWOOD, WAS THE HEROINE OF MANIPUR), SUED MESSRS. BLOOMER, SOLICITORS, FOR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE IN GIVING ADVICE REGARDING INVESTMENTS. ULTIMATELY A SETTLEMENT WAS ARRIVED AT.

famous French actress will not alter the energetic manager's plans. On the contrary, he intends to occupy certain afternoons with "Julius Caesar"; and it will gratify his numerous admirers to know that later in the year he intends to revive "The Tempest" in magnificent style. I suppose Mr. Tree has not forgotten that Halévy and the late Sir Arthur Sullivan have written lovely music to this play. Halévy wrote a grand opera on the play, and in my youth I saw it with the famous Lablache as principal basso at Her Majesty's—the old theatre in the Haymarket. It would not be a bad idea for Mr. Manners to revive it at Drury Lane, and himself to play Lablache's part.

Mr. Wilson Barrett produced his new play, "Lucky Durham," at the Shakespeare, Liverpool, on Thursday last, and I feel certain it will not be long in finding a place on the Metropolitan stage. Mr. Barrett has had the idea of "Lucky Durham" in and on his mind for nearly twenty years. Yet some of our modern dramatists profess to be able to "knock off" a drama in as many days. Unhappily, they vanish from the stage at the same rate, and sometimes the first night settles their fate. We have had such instances of rapid production too frequently of late. Mr. Barrett has in all his plays given ample time in developing the plot and characters.

Some important changes have been made in "The Prince of Pilsen," at the Shaftesbury Theatre. What may be called the "Lager beer drollery" which originally permeated the score has given place to a smarter, more exhilarating

style of humour, and the result is most satisfactory. I expect "The Prince of Pilsen" will enjoy a long and prosperous career at the Shaftesbury.

The long-expected "Sergeant Brue," which was to have been seen at the Strand on Saturday last, was again postponed until Tuesday. Mr. Willie Edouin took up his "beat" and his part and made it, as he invariably does, a very droll part indeed. Nor did the piece lack other attractions, the company as a whole being excellent; while Mme. Liza Lehmann proved her ability to write pretty and admirably effective music.

The veteran actor and manager Mr. J. A. Cave is to have a benefit matinee at the New Theatre, kindly lent by Sir Charles Wyndham. I knew Mr. Cave when I was a boy. He is now approaching four score. Mr. Under Sheriff Langton is acting as hon. treasurer, and Mr. Wallis Mackay as hon. secretary. The date and programme will be settled shortly, and I trust my old friend will have substantial support, for he is one of the most deserving of men.

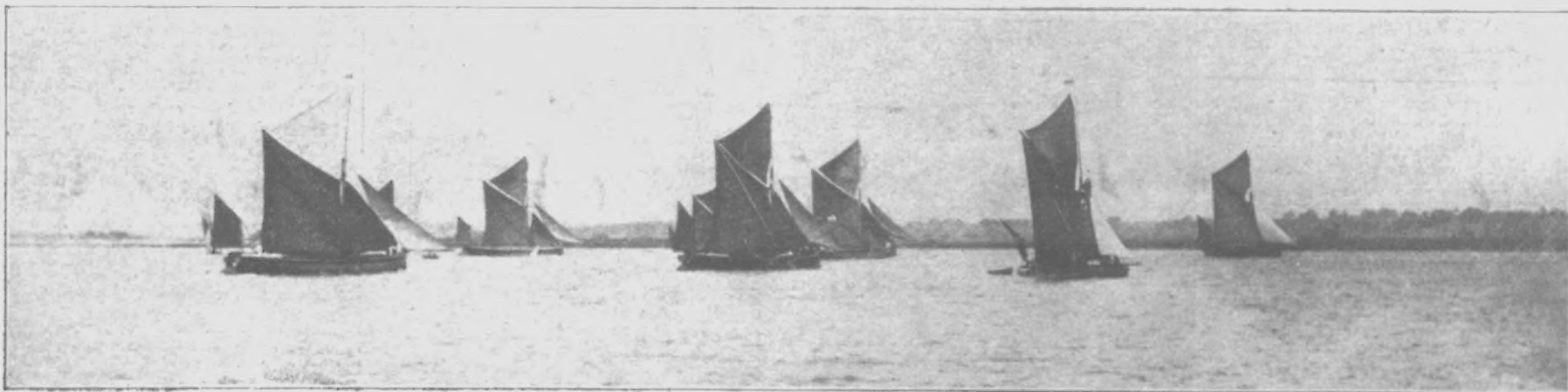
Miss Florence St. John has had the misfortune to lose her mother, to whom she was devotedly attached. Her health has suffered in consequence, but I am glad to hear that she is recovering.

The fortnight of French plays at the Avenue Theatre will commence on Saturday with "Antoinette Sabrier," a three-act play by Romain Colus, and a one-act comedy by Tristan Bernard, called "Les Coteaux du Médoc." On the Wednesday following, M.

Pierre Berton's five-act comedy "Yvette" will be produced.

The matinee at the Haymarket in aid of the Charterhouse Mission has issued a splendid programme. There will be one act of "The Passport," by Yardley and Stephenson, and Mr. Carton's new version of "The Porter's Knot," by John Oxenford, will be doubly interesting, particularly as Mr. Cyril Maude intends to play Sampson Burr, Robson's famous character. Critics and playgoers will have much to say respecting this new departure of Mr. Cyril Maude. I remember Robson well, and thought him, in some of his parts, one of the greatest actors the English stage had ever seen. His wonderful capacity in mock-heroic parts quite mystified many foreign stage celebrities. Even Madame Ristori was on one memorable occasion unable to decide whether Robson intended to be humorous or tragic.

My entire sympathies are with Mr. Arthur Collins in regard to Drury Lane. He will in case of arbitration be a sufferer, first by the loss of his autumn drama, and by delay in his pantomime production. By the way, "The White Cat" will be the pantomime; and already the big West-End houses are arranging for Christmas. But how is a manager to deal with one hundred and fifty requisitions from the London County Council? He cannot expect arbitration to be entirely on his side. I shall watch the struggle with keen interest, and with the hope that Mr. Collins—who has done wonders for Drury Lane—will be heartily supported by the shareholders, who have everything to gain in backing him bravely. THE PROMPTER.



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THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

CRICKET.

DURING the past few days cricket has been full of "plums," and good performances, both with bat and ball, can be numbered by the score. Of them all, I am inclined to think that James Seymour's double century against Worcestershire is the best, and the young Kent professional, who was twenty-four last October, may look back with pride on his feat of getting 108 and 136 not out. C. B. Fry's 236 against Derbyshire was, of course, the biggest individual score last week, but he was run close by Tyldesley and Quaife, who made 210 and 200 not out respectively. Percy Perrin came near emulating them on Friday. After having made 117 not out on Thursday, he got 13 more the next morning; but the wickets all over the country had then been affected by rain, and Perrin's failure to reach 300 clearly foreshadowed trouble for Sussex when they went in.

As a matter of fact, the Sussex batsmen, with the exception of C. B. Fry and George Brann, who both showed that runs could be got, were as weak as a reed against the Essex bowling. On such a wet-surfaced pitch I candidly confess that I did not expect to see Buckenham come off; but the fast bowler was right at the top of his form, and captured eight wickets for only 33 runs. He maintained a wonderful pace, and if the South African, Kotze, is faster, as I am told he is (I have not seen the South Africans yet this season), he must be sending them down at a tremendous rate. Buckenham was not successful when Sussex followed on, but he had no luck. Reeves, however, then had his turn, and with Tremlin going on for Buckenham, the rout of Sussex continued, Essex eventually winning by an innings and 204 runs.

R. H. Spooner is keeping up his form for Lancashire, who are indeed rich in batting talent this season; while on wickets which lend any assistance to bowlers they have



THE CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS: E. W. HOYLE WINNING THE BOYS' RACE.

an attack to be dreaded. Cuttill at present figures at the head of the bowling averages, and Hallows is third; Tyldesley leads the batting at the time of writing, and Spooner is third. Lancashire are the only county that have not lost a match to date, and although Warwickshire punished their bowling very severely in the early part of this week, I think they will finish very near the top of the championship table, even if they are not actually the winners.

They gave Gloucestershire a terrible grilling, but the Western county is but a shadow of its former self this season, and it is hard lines indeed for them to have Jessop damaged. His hand is still bad, and, unfortunately, the injury kept him out of the team against the South Africans in the early part of this week. There is a silver lining in the news that the veteran Fred Roberts is now recovered from his illness, and the Gloucestershire fast bowler may make all the difference to the fortunes of the team by his presence.

Middlesex did not flatter their supporters at Catford, where they lost their first match this season, Kent gaining a brilliant victory by eight wickets. Seymour was again useful with the bat, and E. W. Dillon played a splendid innings of 76; but the chief cause of the discomfiture of Middlesex was the magnificent bowling of Fielder and Blythe. The two "Internationals" were in great form, Fielder taking ten wickets in the match for 81 runs, while Blythe accounted for six for 70 runs. Jack Hearn bowled finely for Middlesex, taking six wickets altogether for 59 runs; but the breakdown of the visitors' batting in their second innings, which only realised 45, was never got over. Fancy the champion county getting all out for 45! Another small score was that of M.C.C. in their second venture against Derbyshire at Lord's, wherein Warren took five wickets for 23 and Bestwick the remaining five for 31, all being out for a total of 55. Derbyshire, of course, won, the margin being eight wickets.

Yorkshire are coming "along fast;" and in spite of the fact that J. A. Dixon made 135 and A. O. Jones 118 off their bowling, it will, I fancy, be seen that some of the old form is still "knocking around." On the face of it, it would appear that 352 is a sufficiently big total to make defeat improbable; but that score by Notts was eclipsed to the extent of 100 runs by Yorkshire, for whom John Tunnicliffe made 119. Then came the combination of Hirst, Rhodes, and Haigh in something like their old championship fettle. Down went the Notts side for 111; and with only a dozen set them to win, Yorkshire were victorious by ten wickets. Rhodes took four wickets for 12 runs, and, apart from the actual victory, his success was the most gratifying feature of the match from a Yorkshire



THE CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS LAST SATURDAY: G. STANFIELD WINNING THE 100 YARDS RACE.

standpoint. If the great Wilfrid can only keep this form up, Yorkshire will make matters hot for all comers.

The main feature in the match between Hants and Worcester at Southampton was a fine innings of 105 by A. C. Johnston. This Hampshire amateur's highest score last season was 59, and he appears to have come on with giant strides. E. M. Sprot and Llewellyn also batted well; but the bowling of the side was not nearly so good as that

innings, none of the Middlesex bowlers making the slightest impression on him. Jack Hearn, however, bowled too well for most of the other Nottingham men, and the total realised 877, so that it will be seen that Iremonger made over half the runs. Similarly, Kinneir on the same day scored 152 not out at Birmingham out of 311 for six wickets. Twelve of the total were extras, so that Kinneir made more than half the runs "off the bat."

Another "centurion" was J. F. Marsh, who got 111 against London County at the Palace, and was then unlucky enough to be run out. The young Cantab had Mead and Braund against him, so that it cannot be said that the attack was weak. This following on his sixty not out against Surrey last week stamps him as a batsman of high class; for though I do not look upon the Cambridge University-Surrey match as anything more than a second-rate trial game, the bowling of Lees is good enough to be going on with. The 'Varsity were defeated by 40 runs; but the result is of no account, for Surrey were a very mixed lot indeed, and included a couple of likely Light Blues in S. S. Harris and P. R. May. Beside Marsh, F. B. Wilson and H. C. McDonnell did finely, the latter, in addition to showing admirable defensive play, taking fifteen wickets in the match for 138 runs.

Some people are inclined to the opinion that Oxford have a vastly superior side to Cambridge this season. I imagine that they will be undecieved; for though I am not of opinion that the Light Blues are a tip-top team, I regard them as very useful indeed. Oxford, like their rivals, are unsettled at present, and their severe defeat by the South Africans last week-end must not be taken too seriously. Their fielding was poor, and that defect will doubtless be got over before the fateful match at Lord's. The presence of W. H. B. Evans will make all the difference in the world to the Dark Blues.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING.

Once more Alfred Shrubbs stood out as the most prominent performer in the athletic world last Saturday. The great South London Harrier journeyed to Glasgow to some purpose, for, taking part in the West of Scotland Harriers' sports, he won the two-mile handicap from scratch in the world's record time of 9 min. 9.3-5 sec. The previous best for an amateur was accomplished by himself, and was 9 min. 16.4-5 sec.; but never since W. Lang covered the distance in 9 min. 11.1 sec. in 1893 has the professional record stood in danger. How wonderful a runner Shrubbs is can be seen at a glance by these figures. He was never



RICHMOND HORSE SHOW: MISS ELLA S. ROSS'S FOUR-IN-HAND WINNER OF CHALLENGE CUP.

wicket off Moulder, who had only just gone on ten minutes before the drawing of stumps. He made 199, and McGahey was not out at the close with 143 to his credit. Truly, it was a great performance.

Next to the grand stand at the Oval, Iremonger's 180 not out at Lord's stood out on Monday. He was missed directly after he went in, but he afterwards played splendid cricket, and carried his bat right through the Notts

pushed in the race, either, for he won by eighty yards from P. Russell, of Bellahouston.

This was not all, for Shrubbs turned out again in the mile handicap, wherein he was set to give his erstwhile conqueror, J. McGough, 15 yards start. The race resolved itself into a struggle between this pair, who went along almost level for the best part of the last lap. Then the Englishman got away in the final straight, and amid a scene of intense excitement he won by 5 yards, and so avenged his defeat earlier in the season. His time was 4 min. 23.4-5 sec.

Another South London Harrier in J. W. Morton ran in the 100 yards handicap; but he was beaten in his heat, and the event went to James Bunyan, of the West of Scotland Harriers, who, starting from the 6 yards mark, won the final in 10 sec. dead. B. J. Blunden, who is a member of the promoting club as well as of the Blackheath Harriers, carried off the 300 yards handicap, in which he had 9 yards start, in 32.2-5 sec.

In a programme of enormous length at the Civil Service Sports, at Stamford Bridge, the chief item was a 600 yards invitation level race. This brought out the Rev. H. W. Workman, the ex-Cambridge president, and though he was opposed by such well-known men as E. H. Montague, P. B. Dodd, and E. S. Ward, the old Light Blue crack won very easily by twelve yards, the others finishing in the order named. Workman's time was 74.3-5 sec., which is of more than ordinary excellence. W. E. B. Henderson, the Oxonian, had no difficulty in taking the high jump, though he did no better than 5 ft. 6½ in., the next two being H. P. Phillips, S. J. H., and W. P. Wise, Yokohama A.C., who dead-heated at 5 ft. 4½ in.

The first batch of the National Cycling Union championships was brought to a successful issue at Manchester on Saturday. A. L. Reed won the mile in 2 min. 35.2-5 sec., though the Polytechnic crack, who won in 1902, was only a foot ahead of E. Payne (Worcester) in the final heat. Reed also went for the quarter-mile event, but he had to



RICHMOND HORSE SHOW: MR. F. VIVIAN GOOCH'S TANDEM, KING OF HEARTS AND QUICKSILVER, WINNERS OF THE FIRST PRIZE.

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retire, and J. S. Benyon, who was third in the mile, made recompense by winning the shorter race somewhat easily by three lengths in 33 sec. H. D. Buck, a rider who has gained many honours, was second.

Shrubbs added to his grand run of wins on Monday when he took part in the four miles race of the concluding portion of the West of Scotland Harriers' meeting at Glasgow. Another record "went smash," as the modern marvel covered the distance in 19 min. 23 2-5 sec.—2 sec. faster than the previous best time for the distance, made by P. Cannon in 1888. Next please, Alfred!

LAWN TENNIS.

H. S. Mahony is getting into the veteran stage as a player, but he seems to retain all his skill, and his victory in the Kent all-comers' championship was not at all surprising. He had to meet Braine Hillyard in the final, and though the latter gave no end of trouble, victory always seemed to be coming Mahony's way. In the ladies' championship, Miss D. K. Douglass beat the holder, Miss C. M. Wilson, very easily, the scores being 6-2, 6-2 in the champion's favour.

GOLF.

The American, Travis, did not follow up his victory in the amateur golf championship by even a formidable show in the open championship. This went to Jack White, a Scotsman, who has been in the front rank for several years, and who was pretty confident as to his ability to annex the greatest honour which the game provides. At one time Harry Vardon was a prime favourite, but the ex-champion fell away, and eventually the Sunningdale professional finished first with 296, James Braid (late Romford and now of Walton Heath) and J. H. Taylor (of Mid-Surrey) being second with 297 each. Tom Vardon was next with 301. Mr. J. Graham junior was the first amateur; he tied with A. Kirkaldy at 310. Altogether it was a great contest, and will be long remembered by not only those who



THE START FOR THE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS.

winner, and well-bred enough for anything. More victories for the same interest will be welcome.

Some cosmopolitan sportsmen claim that the Paris race-course at Longchamps, taken with its surroundings and company, should be ranked above Ascot. The establishment in the Bois de Boulogne has many recommendations, but I certainly should not let anyone have a walk over who tried to argue me into believing that we were not entitled to first place. In my opinion, the Ascot views and outlook generally beat the other all to smithereens; while as for the company, more particularly the side of it whose costumes are of importance, the French are not in

However, we could hope for the best, if that same might not be assured, in the same way as we looked forward to find the Cup horses meeting instead of being judiciously placed, as they might be. At first, taking up the week's programme, one jumped to the conclusion that Zinfandel, Sceptre, and Rock Sand would run against each other for the Gold Cup; but then came further scrutiny, showing that the mare had several other engagements; Rock Sand might be found a comparatively easy job, and Zinfandel have a light task.

The programme, however, gave you plenty to think about besides these horses' races. There was the Hunt



THE NEW BOWLING GREEN AT LADYWELL, WHICH WAS OPENED LAST SATURDAY BY THE MAYOR OF LEWISHAM.

took part in it, but by the fortunate followers of the various matches.

The Parliamentary handicap has dragged a long course, but many interesting games were played by Mr. J. Wilson, M.P., who beat Mr. Coral, and Mr. A. Soames, M.P., who ousted Mr. A. B. Tennyson (Clerk, House of Lords), were left in to contest the final as the result of their successes on Monday.

SWIMMING.

Thursday next has been fixed for the annual swimming races and water-polo match between Oxford and Cambridge, which will take place at the Bath Club. The Dark Blues will be led by that magnificent all-round athlete, J. E. Raphael, and Cambridge will be under the leadership of T. Kingdom. BANSHER.

THE RACING WORLD.

WE have recently been interested more than usual in sport in France, where we cannot be said to have distinguished ourselves very much in the right direction. We were represented in the Grand Steeplechase de Paris, and our two fancied ones, Leinster and Patlander, finished nowhere. On the Wednesday following, three of ours were well backed to beat an equal number of Frenchmen.

As a matter of fact, a single representative, Mark Time, was backed against the field, with 4 to 1 taken Carnacul, and 6 to 1 Vendale—say 5 to 1 on our lot. Thanks to most vexatious muddling, Mark Time ran out when he was an easy winner, and so did Carnacul, who on the Friday won a thousand-pound hurdle-race. Vendale kept in the course, but was beaten on his merits by Hipparque, who got home by a short head only. An objection was launched on behalf of Vendale for bumping and boring, but very properly overruled, as the English horse and rider brought about the roughing and squeezing.

On Sunday we were not represented at all except by our jockeys in the Grand Prix de Paris. For one reason and another our likely horses, such as St. Amant, St. Denis, etc., were scratched, so the Frenchmen had the business all to themselves. M. Edmond Blanc started three—Ajax, winner of the French Derby; Gouvernant, the conspicuous failure in our own Epsom Derby; and Profane, winner of the French Oaks. Perhaps Gouvernant might have got a little closer than fourth; but he was not wanted much, since Ajax won cleverly.

Both horses were reported to be very well, but the setting altogether negated the fairy tales told us only a little while ago about Gouvernant being M. Blanc's best. I am glad to say that P.I.P. readers were told not to pay heed to these yarns, and to keep off the Frenchman altogether for the Derby unless they could see Ajax come to the post fit and well. He might have done what nothing else did—namely, make a bit of a fight with St. Amant, whose prospects of turning out the best three-year-old of the season appear quite bright to me—so bright that I shall not be in any hurry to counsel readers to back Pretty Polly for the Leger.

With a view to this race John o' Gaunt has been scratched for Ascot, but at the same time there may not have been much real choice in the matter, as he wants rest. Years ago—how long was it?—when Comfrey won the Cambridge-shire in Sir William Ingram's colours, a little joke was perpetrated in this article in the shape of a cross-line, "P.I.P., Hurrah!" Saturday's Victoria Stakes, run at Hurst Park, and worth £1134 odd, went to the same owner by means of Cottager, once looked upon as a likely Derby



AJAX, THE WINNER OF THE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS.

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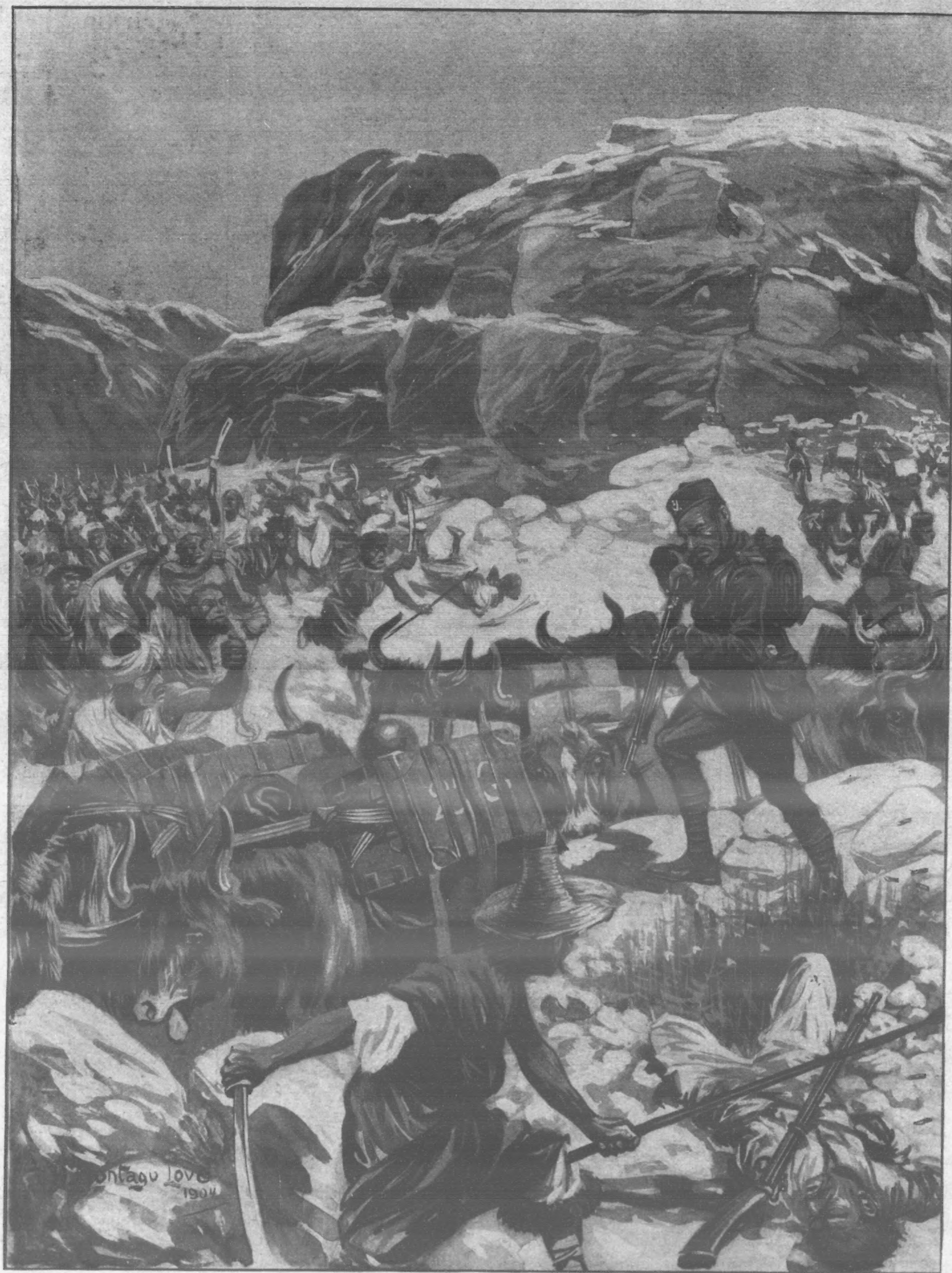
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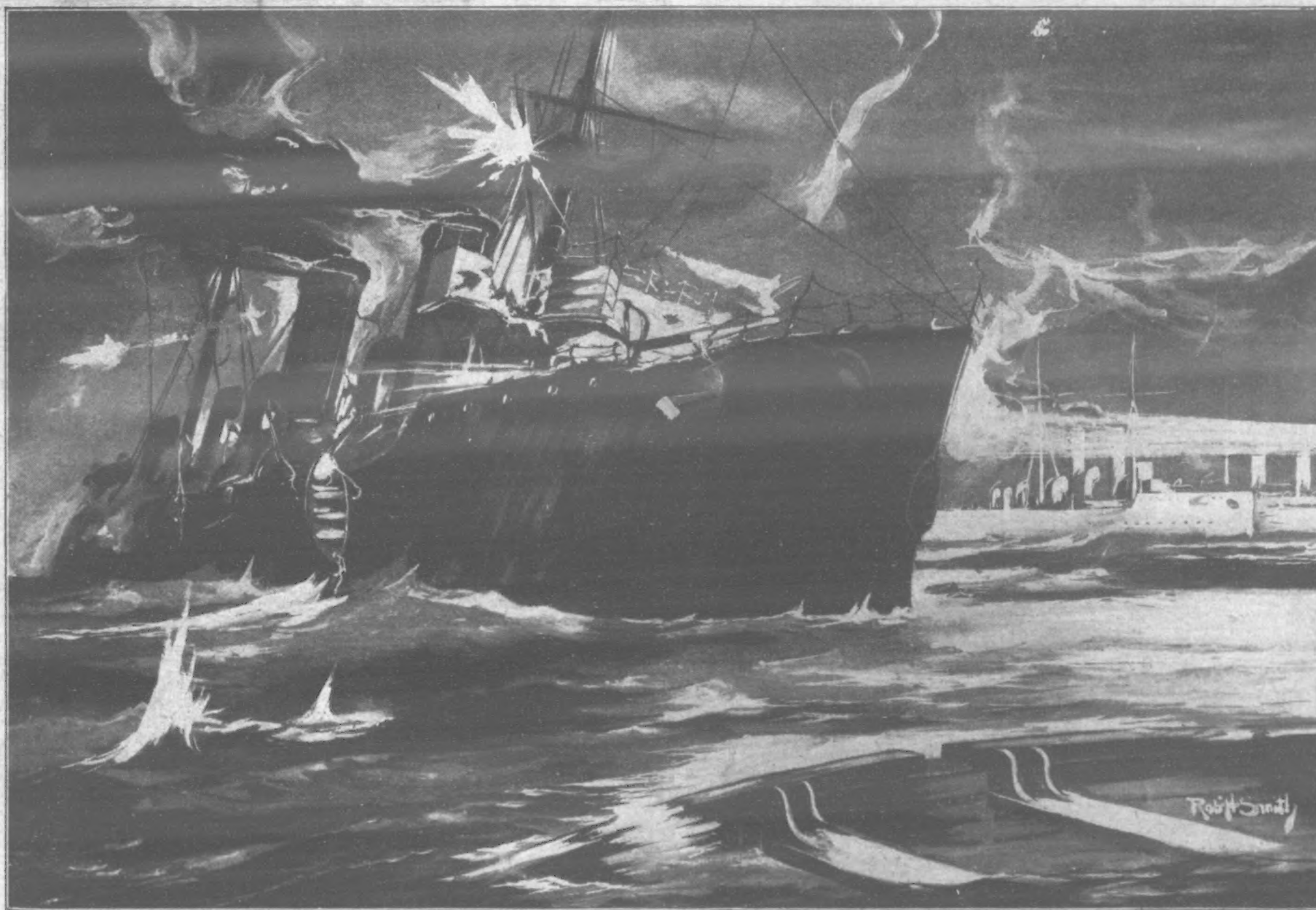


OUR WAR IN TIBET: A BRAVE GURKHA FIGHTS SEVEN HUNDRED OF THE ENEMY AT KANGMA.

(See "The Week's News.")



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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

WE have arrived at Ascot week, and, given favourable weather, women will appear in their smartest dresses. The very latest fashions are in evidence on the Royal Hunt Cup Day. Hats, and the modish granny bonnet, tied under the chin, will be the

Favourite Wear for Ascot.

The pie-dish shaped hat or toque has become very common already, and it will appear before long upon the heads of coster and factory girls. It is no loss, for it is neither pretty nor elegant, and the mode in which it is trimmed is by no means attractive. For evening and afternoon dresses the elbow-sleeve, formed of narrow frills, is much worn. In the daytime very long gloves are worn reaching to the elbow, and the effect is excellent if one of the hat-bonnets which are tied under the chin is worn with these frilled sleeves. It must be borne in mind, however, that they do not look well if the arm from elbow to wrist is covered with anything but a long glove.

Our Illustrations this week display the smartest of gowns of the visiting and fête-day class. One is built in brown taffetas, and is decorated with strappings of ribbon in the same tone,

truth, I could not help laughing heartily at the tall young lady in the foreground of the sketch, with her shapely leg in a long boot stretched out as if she were about to dance. I am sure the artist must have laughed too—in his sleeve, of course—as he made the sketch. Truly, some fashion-plates in the daily and weekly papers tend to make women ridiculous.

I have been sent a specimen box of a new non-poisonous healing cream, called "Antexema." The inventors of this cream claim for it that there is no form of skin disease in which it is not of the greatest service; for bites of insects, too, it is

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I am pleased to say a few words about Messrs. Foster Clark and Company's Eiffel Tower Lemon Jelly. F. C. and Co.'s Eiffel

months during the summer. A special arrangement would have to be made for a large family and servants, and I could not tell what would be the charge per week or month. It might be done for fifteen shillings a head a week all round, for board alone, but I do not think it could be got for that sum with lodgings included. Servants and children are very troublesome, and the latter eat more food than their elders. Think of all the milk that they require! There is a very nice farm a mile and a half from Arundel, and six from Littlehampton, called Offham Farm, where "summer boarders" are taken, but I do not think a great many children and servants would be suitable. The Duke of Norfolk's beautiful park is close by, and visitors have free access to it, but I think a house at Littlehampton itself would suit children better.

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Ideas for Serving Strawberries—

STRAWBERRY CREAM.—Sprinkle a pint of fresh strawberries with sugar, then rub through a hair sieve. Whip up a half-pint of double cream till it is stiff, soak two ounces of gelatine in half a cupful of milk; warm gently. Add the strawberries, the whipped cream, a teaspoonful of sugar, the juice of half a lemon and



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I see in the *Lady's Pictorial* of June 11 that "Butterfly" mentions with approval a new invention for keeping a blouse-bodice and the skirt with which it is worn together at the back. There is

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I notice very pretty bathing-dresses in all the shops; and with them are sold waterproof bags in which the wet costume is carried back from the bathing-beach to the house. At Woolland's there are basket-satchels lined with mackintosh, which draw together with a cord at the top and are very easily carried. In the *Lady's Pictorial* before-mentioned there are sketches of some of Woolland's bathing-costumes; and, to tell the

Tower Lemonade is already well known, and in their jelly I am told that a truly admirable kind, quite equal to the best of calves' feet made at home, will be found. I have not as yet tasted it myself, but I hope to do so ere long. A public analyst has certified that it is absolutely pure and can be taken with safety by invalids. The manufacturers of this jelly have visited, personally, the great lemon orchards of Messina, and it will be found, when tasted, that no lemons except the best have been used to produce it. When turned from the mould, it is so clear and delicate that a newspaper can be read through it with ease, and the flavour, too, leaves nothing to be desired. It is sold in pint packets, at 3d. the pint, and directions for making are on each packet. I may add that it is sold in

A Variety of Flavours,

in addition to lemon, and among them are orange, raspberry, strawberry, red and black currant. Jelly with whipped cream over it is a delicious dish; let those people who have dairies make a note of this.

I am sorry that I do not know of a farm house in a pretty country, and not far from the sea, in which a large family, including two nurses, could be accommodated inexpensively for three

four drops of cochineal to colour it. Now add gelatine, straining it through the sieve, and stir it into the cream. Pour in a mould to set.

STRAWBERRY TRIFLE.—Put a layer of strawberries in a dish. Dissolve some gelatine and pour it over the berries. Upon this lay sponge finger-cakes, and cover with enough new milk to make soft. Make a thick custard flavoured with vanilla, and spread over the cakes. Finally place on top a quantity of cream whisked with a little fine sugar and flavoured with vanilla.

STRAWBERRY ROLL.—Beat three eggs with the weight of three eggs in sugar; then put the weight of two eggs in flour and add a little baking-powder. Beat all well up together, pour in a flat dish, and bake for ten minutes. When done put on a dish, spread with strawberries, roll up, brush with a little milk on the top, and sprinkle with a little white sugar.

STRAWBERRY BAVARIAN CREAM.—Mash one quart of berries and add one cupful of sugar. Let them stand until the sugar is dissolved. If a very nice-looking desert is wanted, the seeds may be strained out through a fine sieve. In the meantime, soak a half box of gelatine in a half cupful of cold water for half an hour. Then dissolve it in a half cupful of boiling water. When it is cool add it to the fruit. As soon as the mixture begins to thicken, fold in two cupfuls of cream whipped to a stiff froth. Turn into a mould and stand in a cold place to set.

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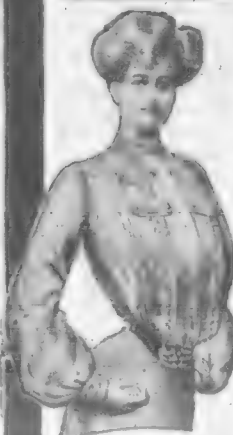
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said boisterously, tossing off his glass and holding it out again to be refilled. "I shall live with you, my boy, in your snug spider's den, and keep you up to your plans; you shan't fail for want of a friendly lead."

And if Isaac contemplated the perpetual presence of Mr. Loates in his household with any dismay he was too wise to show it, for he had gone too far to retreat with an unscrupulous character of the calibre of Ben Loates.

"Where shall we look for him?" he said at last, as he paid the reckoning with his last shilling and a few coppers extracted from some mysterious recess in his purse.

"Here, there, and everywhere, only not in Suffolk or Essex, or even Norfolk, for Beck is too wise to revisit the scene of what he holds still to have been murder."

Isaac shook his head doubtfully. "I couldn't answer for him in anything," he said.

But Loates, with a jaunty air, tucked an arm in his and staggered with him out of the eating-house, declaring that he, for one, should look for the jolly good fellow in all the public houses in London, and then begin at Land's End and work upwards.

It was late when the Jew and his companion reached the den in Aldersgate Court, and when they faced the housekeeper they were neither of them in a condition to give any definite account of their wanderings.

CHAPTER V.

"MY dear Stepan, what a handsome trio!"

"Handsome? Well, perhaps so, though the girl is too dark for me. Still, her gown seems all right. There is something strange about the men. Why does one look as if he were nervous, and the other as if he had either not seen food for weeks, or was naturally, as the sailor said, 'an epicure, otherwise a person as'll eat anything'?"

Count Stepan Nelidoff spoke excellent English, but both he and his sister Valda, Princess Donatowski, were speaking Russian, since the table under consideration was one very close to their own.

"Look at her diamonds; they are quite nice—but what taste!"

The Count considered the merits of stuffed ortolan, or quail in aspic, between the intervals of staring at Harriet Armytage, and did not notice the expression of his sister's face.

"Do not speak of diamonds," she said harshly.

"Oh, I forgot, Valda; though why you don't trace them, and put every detective in sleepy old England on their track, beats me."

"Have you forgotten Ivan in Siberia? Do you know that every stone I possessed was forfeit to the Russian crown? If I attempted to sell them they would extradite me at once; for

a description is, I believe, in the hands of the police and furnished to every jeweller in the kingdom. I knew that I was risking my life when I crossed the frontier, and I have no doubt now that the loss of them was due to some agent of the secret police. Why, Stepan, the arms of the Society of the Red Cross are very long. They coveted the stones, and in return for their promise to release Ivan I made the jewels over to them, and when they failed I did not see why I should lose husband and diamonds."

"You ran a great risk, Valda, and for your own sake I advise you to let those jewels go," returned the Count gravely.

"I am of that opinion too, *mon cher*. Better have one's freedom than be hung with ropes of pearls. Still, I am something of an amateur detective on my own part, and woe to him if I find the man who took them! It is like robbing a tiger of her young."

There was a glitter in the beautiful eyes of the Princess that silenced the laughing words on her brother's lips, for the Princess was a woman who had suffered and bled in the cause of freedom, and he knew her for a merciless enemy, an implacable foe, even if she were the most beautiful woman of her age.

"Tony!"—Harriet Armytage bent forward and touched Beck's arm, rousing him from a reverie—"did you ever see such a handsome woman as the one sitting at the next table?"

Beck looked up, and the eyes of the Princess met his suddenly and held them for a space of a moment with a sense of personal magnetism that sent a shock through his whole body.

Princess Donatowski was then at the height of her marvellous beauty, and the tragic romance that surrounded her invested her with a halo of interest, an atmosphere of mystery that enhanced it. She sat now very still, with the sun slanting through the painted glass of the roof above her on the masses of her auburn hair, finding out the shadows of her eyes that were almost violet in their colouring under the cloud of her long lashes, that had sparks of gold at their tips. The clear oval of her chiselled face, with its dead ivory colouring, in which the scarlet lips seemed to be splashes of vivid colour, seemed to Beck to be the most wonderful thing that he had ever seen. Her taper hands, innocent of adornment, and her white throat, that rose like a lily from its laces, seemed more beautiful from the fact that her black gown was severely simple in its lines, and that no single jewel detracted from a beauty in which there was no flaw.

He turned away his eyes with an effort. "She is very good-looking," he said shortly. "Hatty, do you think it is quite the thing to wear so many ornaments as you have on?"

He looked with grave disapproval at his sister's gown. She was well dressed in dull red, that

set off her dark style as no other colour could have done. Beck had given her a sum of money sufficient, as he had thought, to buy her one or two good pieces of jewellery, but she had spent every penny in imitation stones that made a vast show of chains and bracelets, but did not satisfy his manly taste.

"I shall make the fashion," Harriet said decisively. "Don't you know, Tony, that it is rich people like us who decide what is to be worn, and then weaker-minded people who have no money follow us?"

"You don't look quite the same as that lady," Harriet turned and favoured the Princess with a haughty stare. "I should think probably she is no better than she should be; women who wear clothes so exaggeratedly quiet in style seldom are."

"Who is that lady at the next table, waiter?" said Beck, under cover of the next remove.

"The Princess Donatowski, Sir!" And Beck looked at his sister with a faint smile.

Harriet was certainly enjoying her transition from poverty to riches vastly. She had assumed the airs of a lady of fashion, and had returned to the position from which she had originally come, only with this emphatic difference—that she emphasised her rank in life so markedly that people were compelled to notice Miss Landon-Armytage wherever she might be.

There was an indefinable want in her manner—an inexplicable something, born of ten years of work and sordid poverty, the memory of which could never leave her. She woke up in the morning early, to start up and imagine that her daily toil was about to begin, and she sank back on her pillows with a luxurious sense of satisfaction that culminated in languid indifference towards the chambermaid, and a haughtiness of demeanour towards the people in the hotel that made one or two of them inquire her name at the office and search in vain for "Landon-Armytage" in the "Landed Gentry."

Octavius had taken his rise in the social scale quite differently. It was enough for him to eat and sleep, and have a game of billiards or a hand at *écarté* whenever the fancy seized him. His clothes were lavish in style and number, and there were people who thought him good-looking, even though his sleepy air of boredom and his general lack of energy militated against any special attempt at making himself popular with the common herd.

Beck was the only member of the trio who could not be said to enjoy his life with a completeness that was satisfactory. Everything turned into gold that he touched. He had disposed of the last small jewel that had lined his belt without any question, and only the four large ones remained now in his possession—the two diamonds, a ruby, and an opal. But he was haunted by a feeling that discovery was imminent, and that in every interested bystander lurked a detective, so that he sometimes woke

in the night with a mad craving upon him for human society as safeguard and protection.

"What are you going to do this afternoon?" Beck looked from Octavius, stretching himself luxuriously after a heavy meal with an absolute disregard of his surroundings, to Harriet, whose sharp eyes were absorbing every detail of the Princess's Paquin frock, and reflecting ruefully that Regent Street was not so satisfactory, and that she would have given anything for the draping of the lace on her bodice and the fall of the skirt.

"A nap," said Octavius leisurely, "then a stroll into the Park, and—a game of billiards."

"I shall go with Oe," said Harriet tersely.

"I know him well of old, and though I like money to spend, I do not like to see it frittered away."

"I must go out on business," Beck said at last; "and, Hatty, we must leave this place to-morrow. I have definitely taken Ollerton Towers, near Marshlands, in Suffolk, and want to get into it as soon as possible. I wired to the housekeeper this morning to expect us, so she will be ready."

"Tony, how delightful! Shall we be county people?" cried Harriet.

Beck nodded, his lips yielding in a faint smile, for the thought was entrancing.

"Stepan," said the Princess, as she swept past the table, "that man's name is Tony. He does not in the least look like a Tony; I might just as well call my Pomeranian 'Lion.'"

"Why, what an interest you take in those people, Valda!"

"I am always odd, Stepan, you know, and though I shall never see him again, yet his face interests me in its tragic possibilities."

"The man has a villainous face enough."

"Not villainous exactly, but strong and vigorous," returned his sister quietly. "There is a pretty girl sitting in the far corner, Stepan, just your style—all milk and roses," and the Count's attention was effectively diverted.

Beck went that afternoon straight to a well-known jeweller's shop in the West End, where he bought a few trifling ornaments and laid aside a few others for further consideration; then, with a smile, he took a case from his pocket, which he offered to the manager behind the counter.

"I have been told that this is very valuable. May I ask you to put a price on it? It was a gift to my grandfather from the Maharajah of Duleepore, and it has been in the Landon family for many years."

His heart beat like a sledgehammer, thumping up and down, until he felt sure that he must be observed by the grave man in the black suit behind the counter, who was gravely applying a glass to his eye and surveying the diamond in every aspect.

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"No; pure Brazilian! Will you leave this with me, and allow me to value it? Do you wish us to purchase it ultimately?—as no doubt Mr. March would be very pleased to do so."

Beck's hand curved towards the stone, and he controlled its trembling with an effort.

"Thanks, very much, but I cannot leave it. I am going out of town to-night, and we Landons never part with our heirlooms. I really only wished to know how much I should insure it for, as that course has been suggested to me."

He spoke in a thick, jerky fashion, watching the unsuspecting shopman roll up the jewel and replace it in cotton-wool in a small box.

"I should insure it for fifty thousand," he said cautiously. "A stone of that water is worth every penny of that sum."

Beck paid for his purchases, hurried out of the shop, dived into a side street, and mingled with the crowd. When he emerged he hailed an omnibus and drove eastward, then turned on his tracks and took a four-wheeler to King's Cross, where he changed into a hansom and told the man to drive him back to the hotel.

He was absolutely terrified, for he had no longer any doubt that Goldstein had stolen the diamond from this Princess, and that the police were on its track. He should have to go abroad to dispose of it, and even there it would hardly be safe. Later on he must have the jewel cut again or flawed in some way to make it unrecognisable, for he had determined not to retain the thing in his possession a moment longer than was absolutely necessary. The Jew being dead had, of course, lessened the chance of discovery, for few men would suspect a gentleman with serene manners and absolutely faultless clothes of theft.

It seemed to him that he had been driving all the afternoon round and round in a circle like a rat in a trap, forcing smiles to a face that was rigid with terror, when not far from the hotel his hansom collided sharply with another one coming rapidly in the opposite direction. There was a heated exchange of racy language on the part of the drivers, but on investigation it was found that no material damage had been done, and both hansom drivers drove away to their various destinations.

Beck sat rigid and silent behind the glass windows, like a man turned to stone. He knew that he should have courteously hoped that the lady was unhurt, or have joined in the abuse that was being freely bestowed upon the driver of the cab. But he could neither move nor speak, and when rapid movement once again

released the tension of his brain, he lifted his hands from the ledge that they had been gripping like iron and heaved a sigh.

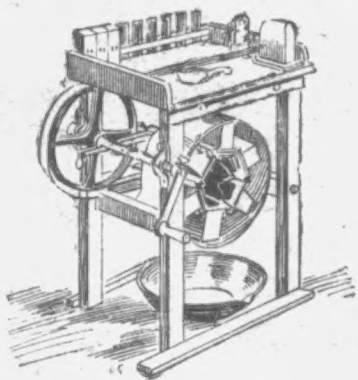
Inside the other hansom he had caught sight of a woman's profile, pale and clear-cut, with a mass of ruddy hair under a scarf of lace which he had recognised as belonging to the lady who occupied the next table to them at the hotel. And like a searing flash of lightning there swept across his mind the sudden memory of the waiter's words in answer to his request for her name. The Princess Donatowski! So she was the owner of the "Mountain of Magnificence," the woman who had the right to prosecute him and bring him to shame and imprisonment, and with all his heart he hoped that she might never cross his path again.

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A Stockport correspondent asks for particulars of bottle-grafting, which he wants to apply to some plants in his greenhouse. I have never given a trial to this system, but I know that grafting can be done very effectively in this way. By taking a cutting of healthy but firm young growth from a tree that bears good fruit it can be attached

to the seedling by inserting one end in a cottle of water, previously taking a slice of corresponding length from the seedling and cutting, binding these together at that point



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with some soft material. The cuts must fit accurately to ensure a union, and after this has been taken place cut off the top of the seedling, and the bottom of the cutting, where marked in the illustration.

Flowers for Poor Soil.

It is possible, according to *Amateur Gardening*, to make even the poorest patch of garden bright and interesting by the aid of a few simple flowers. Annual poppies, from the largest to the smallest, are willing to thrive in poor land, and their colours are almost innumerable. If the surface earth be made fine with the rake, and then watered, a scattering of seed and the raking back of some soil will be all the work needed. The *Bride* is a delightful single fringed white poppy that grows 2 ft. high, is splendid when growing, and can be satisfactorily used in the vases if picked in the expanding bud stage, or if the open blooms are lightly touched in the centre with gum. *White Swan* is a fringed double white that lasts long naturally when cut. Then there are the dazzling scarlet *Tulip poppy*; the scarlet and white fringed *Mikado*; the scarlet, with white cross, *Victoria Cross*; the black-spotted scarlet *Mephisto*; the deep crimson and white *Peacock*, and the vivid red *Cardinal*. The giant poppy - flowered or carnation-coloured, or French poppies seem to show chiefly art shades, and it is a delight to note what exquisite colourings, as self or in combination, result from the sowing of even a penny packet of seed of each of these kinds. Nor must we forget that Shirley poppies are also at our command for the adornment of the garden's waste land. If the earth is well worked and watered, especially if there is brick rubble in it, as is generally the case in poor borders by walls, mignonette will succeed well, yielding plenty of deliciously fragrant flower for ordinary uses; and who does not like mignonette in their rooms?

A Poultry Memo.

A bird that has gone clean out of condition may have developed chronic liver disease; but it is more than likely that he is consumptive. There is not much hope of recovery, and it is better at once to kill the bird and end his misery. The following cure may be tried, however: First place him alone away from other fowls, and, if possible, on a grass run. Give him a stiff dose of Epsom salts—say 30 grains—in a pellet of meal, or by dissolving it in a small quantity of hot water, and forcing it into his crop by means of a syringe; on

the second day put a teaspoonful of neat gin or whisky down the bird's throat half an hour before breakfast. Feed him on good poultry biscuit-meal, well soaked, and mixed with cooked vegetables and fine sharps, for breakfast, and sound wheat for tea, with a small quantity of meat occasionally at midday, but always plenty of fresh green food, such as chopped onions, water-cress, dandelions, and the like. Put a trough of clean water and a box of flint grit within reach, so that he may partake of them at will. Medically allow cod-liver oil and iron, which can be obtained in capsule form, one or two a day being sufficient. If the fowl refuses to eat the soft food let him have grain only; but, provided the stuff is well prepared, it is probable that the salts and spirit will cause him to have an appetite for the meal. Personally we prefer to kill a consumptive specimen, for, even should it apparently recover, it is unwise to use him for stock purposes.

Rearing Wild Ducks.

Those who are rearing wild ducks should remember that the little ducklings will be none the worse for being allowed a small quantity of muddy water occasionally, says a writer in the *Gamekeeper*. Such a thing would be death to pheasant chicks, but the ducks are differently constituted, and the apparently dirty water is often health and strength to them. The old duck does not care how dirty the pool is to which she resorts with her brood, and if the ducklings are unable to reach and stir up its foul bottom, her best efforts are generally directed towards this end. The family is not there long before the whole place becomes a stinking mud-hole, and in all this filth the ducklings revel and thrive. When I think all this over it seems mistaken zeal when a rearer of wild ducklings takes extraordinary measures to ensure that his charges get perfectly clean water. When rears find their ducklings going wrong I advise them to give muddy water a trial as a curative agent, for it seems to have a wonderful effect on their bowels and digestive organs. Go to the dirtiest pond you know, thoroughly stir it up, and then pour the water into the drinking-dishes of the ducks. I have known many a case of both scour and binding at once put right by the curative agency of muddy water, and the thing can hardly be overdone. If the ducklings suffer from ophthalmic troubles such as blindness, give them muddy water in rather deep dishes, so that their eyes will be covered when they gabble in it. This will soon stay the spread of the blindness. Mind, I do not at any time advise vessels to be used into which the ducklings can get, and such can easily be prevented by the proper arrangement of pebbles in the water. A fine thing for young ducks is also the duckweed scum which in summer forms on the top of rather stagnant water. This can easily be skimmed off a pond, and the rearer will quickly see how the ducks appreciate it.

Answers to Correspondents.

The Domestic Still inquired about by several correspondents may be obtained of the Ralston Company, Dashwood House, New Broad Street, London, E.C.

N.B.—The "P.I.P. Farmer" will be pleased to reply to rural questions sent to him through the Editor of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*, 198, Strand, W.C.

Speech by Lord Rosebery.—At Queen's Hall, Langham Place, the Earl of Rosebery addressed a general meeting of the Liberal League, of which organisation he is president. The Liberal League, said his Lordship, was an organisation of men and women, united by a common spirit, and that spirit he would summarise as a practical spirit. It had to rescue real, sane Imperialism from the shoddy, advertising, terrorising Imperialism of the present day. The Liberal Party had to fight Protection. It had to fight for freedom of commerce, freedom in education, and national freedom in respect of the liquor traffic. For the first time since 1886, the highest intellect of the country was beginning to turn slowly in the direction of Liberalism, but not to a narrow, fanatical, vindictive, and retrograde policy. There was no possibility whatever of the next Liberal Government establishing or attempting to establish a Parliament in Dublin. Such a policy would require an alliance with the Irish Party, and that party was opposed to the Liberals on the questions of education, temperance, and—so far as he knew—on the fiscal question as well.

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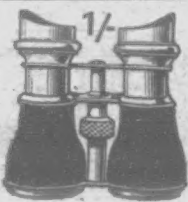
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